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Pakistan's opposition party leaders Shahbaz Sharif, Asif Ali Zardari, Fazlur Rehman and Bilawal Bhutto Zardari at a press conference in Islamabad on Monday | AFP

No-trust motion against Imran Khand tabled

Islamabad: Pakistan's Leader of the Opposition Shehbaz Sharif on Monday tabled a no-trust motion in the National Assembly against Prime Minister Imran Khan, who is facing his toughest political test since assuming office in 2018 as some of his allies have not assured him of support and about two dozen lawmakers from within the ruling Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf have revolted

EXPRESS READ

CET likely to be held from June 16 to 18

Bengaluru: The Karnataka Common Entrance Test (KCET) for admission to professional courses will be tentatively held from June 16 to 18. The deadline for online registrations is April 20 | P2

Legislators come to blows in WB Assembly

Kolkata: The West Bengal Assembly witnessed chaos on Monday as legislators of the TMC and BJP engaged in fisticuffs after arguments over the Birbhum killings, prompting the Speaker to suspend five saffron party MLAs | P9

AIMPLB moves SC against HC hijab order

New Delhi: The All-India Muslim Personal Law Board has moved the Supreme Court against the Karnataka High Court judgement that upheld a ban on wearing hijab in educational institutions in the state | P4

LS heat over bill on full biological record of accused

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AMID din, the government on Monday introduced a bill in the Lok Sabha to accord legal sanction to the police to take physical and biological samples of any person accused of crime. The Opposition vociferously opposed the bill, calling it illegal and unconstitutional.

Agitated Opposition members like Manish Tewari, Adhir Ranjan Chaudhary, N K Premachandran and Saugata Roy forced a vote at the introductory stage of the Criminal Procedures (Identification) Bill, though it was defeated with 120 ayes for the legislation as against 58 nays.

Minister of State for Home Ajay Mishra sought to allay apprehensions, saying the bill only seeks to make provisions for the use of modern techniques to capture appropriate body measurements of all accused for investigation.

It is meant to replace the existing Identification of Prisoners Act, which was introduced way back in 1920. The existing law allows taking fingerprints and footprint impressions of a limited category of convicted persons. But under the new bill, the term 'measurements' includes finger impressions, palm print and footprint impressions, photographs, iris and retina scan as well as physical and biological samples and their analysis.

Strongly opposing the bill, Congress leader Manish Tewari said it was against Article 20, Sub-Article 3 and Article 21 of the Constitution, adding it was beyond the legislative competence of the Lok Sabha. "Under Article 20, Sub-Article 3 explicitly states, no person or accused of any crime shall be compelled to be a witness against himself," Tewari pointed out, adding that words like 'biological samples and their analysis' in the bill could lead to narco analysis and brain mapping.

Adhir Ranjan Choudhary, Premachandran and others questioned the intention for empowering the police to such an extent through the bill. But, Ajay Mishra countered that the bill grants legal sanction to the police to only take body measurements for efficiency in criminal investigations. The Law Commission, he pointed out, had suggested changes to the law in 1980, but the recommendations were not acted upon for 42 years. On apprehensions raised by Premachandran, Mishra said the Criminal Procedure Code already allowed collection of DNA samples.

AFTER TWO YEARS

Students appeared for their first offline final examinations in two years having been directly promoted from Class 8 and 9

Examinations were conducted in **3,444 centres** across Karnataka

8,48,405

students appeared for the exams. There was a dip in the turnout as compared to academic year 20-21

6 students were arrested for attempting to impersonate others in Belagavi

No student tests Covid positive, but **336** sit in separate rooms due to illness

A student in Vijayapura brings her two-month-old daughter to the examination hall. An ASHA activist takes care of the child, while the woman wrote the exam

GIRL STUDENT DIES AT SSLC EXAM CENTRE IN MYSURU

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IN a sad incident, a 16-year-old girl student, who was writing her SSLC examination, collapsed and died allegedly due to a cardiac arrest at an examination centre in T Narasipura taluk of Mysuru district on Monday.

The deceased — **Anushree** from Akkuru village, who was studying at the Madapura Government High School — had gone to write the exam at Vidyodaya Junior College, which was her examination centre.

Students are enthusiastic about appearing for their SSLC examinations at a centre in Jayanagar, Bengaluru, on Monday | NAGARAJA GADERAL

"It was just about 10 minutes since the exam had started and she collapsed from the desk. The invigilator, supervisor and the staff with the help of ASHA workers shifted her to the general hospital," said a staff member at the college.

The doctors at the T Narasipur General Hospital declared her dead on arrival. Her parents, Kemparaju and Lakshmamma, who are daily wagers, rushed to the spot only to be informed by the doctors that their daughter had lost her life.

While doctors suggested that it could be a case of cardiac arrest, education department officials said the exact cause would be known only after the postmortem.

Deputy Director of Public Instruction Ramachandra Raje Urs said the student had no prior health issues. "Her body temperature was checked before sending her inside the examination hall and if she had any symptoms, she would have been asked to sit in a separate room. CONTINUED ON: P2

Leopard rode goods train to reach Bengaluru?

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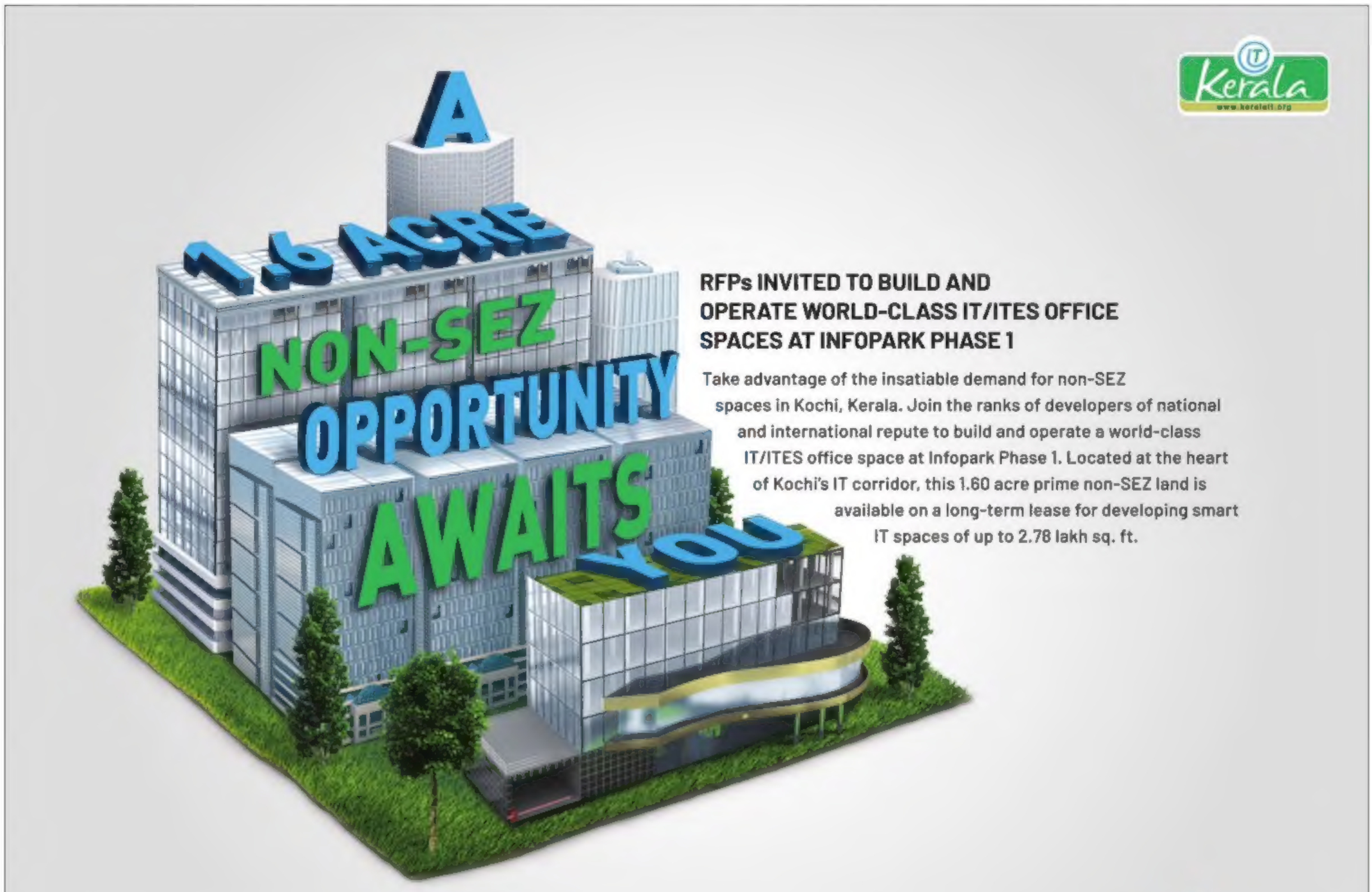
@ Bengaluru

LEOPARD droppings found in one of the goods train coaches which arrived a few days ago at the Rail Wheel Factory (RWF) campus — well within the city limits — indicates that the female leopard, which is still on the prowl within the RWF campus or surrounding areas, came there riding a goods train.

A forest official, privy to the developments pertaining to efforts to capture the leopard, said, "Many coaches come to RWF for repairs or to even pass by. The leopard could have sneaked into one such train. The railway teams have found leopard droppings in one of the coaches. But from where did the leopard come into the coach remains to be ascertained."

The RWF campus is surrounded by busy roads and urban spaces. The probable forests from where it could have come are Doddaballapur, KR Puram and Kaggalipura, which are far away. Though the RWF campus is large and has mini-forest patches, these are not leopard habitats. The only way it could have come into the campus is on a goods train, the official reasoned.

Another official said, "Leopards easily adapt to urban environments and have been living in close proximity with human habitations. Since forest habitats have shrunk and the nearest forests that can sustain leopards are far away, it would not have been easy for this leopard to come into the RWF campus." P2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